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In re Patent Application of:  
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ACID MOLECULES

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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 18, 2009, for which a response is due on February 18, 2010. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review (January 18, 2010 falls on Martin Luther King Day, which is a federal holiday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include a replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** consisting of a replacement drawing figure follows page 14 of this paper.